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Martin

Dear

The Doktor is in a very pessimistic mood these days and I'm sure you are not surprised. He is not only concerned about the government in power, but also with respect to the BND. He states this further in the inclosed letter and furnishes you with some pertinent newspaper clippings. Although the Doktor says that I will have reported to you the several discussions we had, etc, we both know his sentiments and there is little value in reporting them each time they are expressed. There is nothing new except, of course, for the fact that a left-of-center government is now in charge. Not too surprising in the Doktor's view is that the leadership of the new government and its political party are people who have mellowed through the years and quite probably may be considered patriotic and loyal citizens of the Federal Republic. His biggest fear, however, is that so many of the young second generation SPD'ers coming up are addicted to radicalism, APO, SDS, etc.

The Doktor is particularly hopeful that he will get to see you again if you come over in the spring or summer. He is looking good and has no complaints except that the thrombosis he had in his left eye has cut vision in that eye by 40%. He and his successor are no nearer together than they were a year ago when you saw both of them last. You can sympathize with Gerd, I'm sure, since he has been given quite a hard time in Bonn and is truly "hin und her gerissen."

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